



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EDT (NOAA)

### **Agricultural Weather Highlights - Monday - June 3, 2002**

- ***In the West***, beneficial showers linger across the ***Intermountain region***, but very warm, dry weather continues to strain drought-reduced irrigation reserves in the ***Southwest***.
- ***On the Plains***, slightly cooler air is overspreading the ***northern half of the region***, accompanied by beneficial showers in ***Nebraska and South Dakota***. From Friday to Sunday, high temperatures peaked above 105 degrees F as far north as ***western Kansas and eastern Colorado***, hastening winter wheat maturation but severely stressing summer crops.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, locally heavy showers across ***northwestern areas*** are boosting soil moisture reserves and aiding summer crop germination and establishment. Meanwhile, showers remain mostly north of the ***southern and eastern Corn Belt***, although saturated soils and flooded lowlands continue to hamper corn and soybean planting.
- ***In the South***, hot, dry weather is increasing irrigation demands and stressing dryland summer crops from ***southern Texas to the southern Atlantic region***, including the ***southern portion of the Delta***. Today's high temperatures across the ***South*** are forecast to approach 100 degrees F at inland locations.

**Outlook:** Early in the week, showers will accompany a slow-moving cold front across the ***central Rockies, central and northern Plains, and western Corn Belt***. The front will shift eastward during the week, bringing the threat of rain to the ***central and eastern Corn Belt, Great Lakes region, southern Plains, Mid-Atlantic States, and New England***. Meanwhile, generally dry weather will prevail in the ***Pacific Northwest***, while hot, dry conditions are forecast in the ***southern Rockies***. The ***Southwest*** will remain warm and dry, while scattered showers and thunderstorms will spread into the ***Southeast***. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for June 8-12 calls for above-normal temperatures in the ***Southwest*** and below-normal temperatures in the ***southeastern quarter of the nation***. Wetter-than-normal weather is expected in the ***Great Lakes region and New England***, while drier-than-normal weather is expected throughout the ***Plains, lower Missouri Valley, and northern Rockies***.

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